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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FIRING AT OFFICIAL RESIDENCE

1. ON MARCH 18 AT APPROXIMATELY 15:30 HOURS MARINE SECURITY GUARD AT THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE RSO OF THE FOLLOWING: AT 15:20 HOURS HE HAD RECEIVED AN ALERT FROM THE CONTRACT SECURITY GUARD LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE. THE GUARD REPORTED THAT TWO AUTOMOBILES, ONE A GREEN PEUGEOT AND ONE A PICK-UP TRUCK HAD HAD APPROXIMATELY 10 SHOTS FIRED FROM THEM WHILE MOVING. THE GUARD DID NOT SPECULATE AS TO WHETHER THE SHOTS WERE FIRED AT THE RESIDENCE OR NOT. PPSU WAS IMMEDIATELY ALERTED BY THE MSG AND TOOK UP PROTECTIVE POSITIONS AT THE RESIDENCE. FEDERAL POLICE ON DUTY OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE OBSERVED THE SHOOTING AND IMMEDIATELY SENT OUT A RADIO ALERT ON THE TWO AUTOMOBILES. EMBASSY RADIO CONTROL WAS NOTIFIED AND TWO CONTRACT PATROL CARS PROCEEDED TO THE RESIDENCE. AT THE TIME THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRED 45 U.S. BUSINESSMEN WERE ATTENDING A LUNCHEON AS A FAREWELL AFFAIR TO A DEPARTING FSO.

ACTION BY RSO:

RSO ALONG WITH GOA FEDERAL POLICE LIAISON OFFICER PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE RESIDENCE. INCIDENT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSSED WITH FEDERAL POLICE OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE GROUNDS

AND CONTRACT GUARDS INSIDE OF THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS. FEDERAL POLICE ON DUTY OBSERVED THE SHOOTING AND PUT OUT A RADIO ALERT FOR INTERCEPTION OF THE CARS. THIS ACTION MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CONTRACT SECURITY GUARD WHO OBSERVED THE SHOOTING STATED HE SAW PUFFS OF SMOKE COMING FROM THE CARS APPARENTLY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE RESIDENCE. VISUAL EXAMINATION OF THE RESIDENCE WAS CONDUCTED. NO SCARS WERE LOCATED WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE IMPACT OF BULLETS. THE STREET ON WHICH THE SHOOTING OCCURRED PARALLELS THE FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE BUT IS LOCATED ABOUT 150 YARDS FROM THE BUILDING STRUCTURE. VEGETATION GROWS IN THE PARK AREA SEPARATING THIS STREET AND THE RESIDENCE. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO TELL THE DIRECTION IN WHICH WEAPONS WERE BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE RESIDENCE, UNLESS ACTUAL BULLET SCARS WERE VISIBLE ON THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. HOWEVER, THE INCIDENT COULD BE A PART OF THE TENSION FACTOR OF THE TERRORIST PROGRAM.
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